

start) occurs in the Koh-i-Pushat and Raskoh range N.-W. and S.-W. of Nushki.

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August 28, 1939.

XIII.—ON A LARGE SAWFISH (*PRISTIS PERROTTETI*
MULL. AND HENLE) CAUGHT AT BOMBAY.

(With a plate).

A sawfish (*Pristis perrotteti*) was caught by fishermen off Government House, Backbay, Bombay, on the morning of the 16th August 1938 and brought to beach on Chowpatty sands. A complete cast was made of the fish by the Museum staff, working far into the night and under considerable difficulties, not the least of which was the keeping back of the crowds which gathered to see the monster.

Colour. The general colour of the body was dull olive brown merging to dirty yellow on the margin of the flanks and fading to the white on the undersurface, the yellow is particularly prominent on the facial margin.

Eyes. Iris golden with a black centre and black edge.

Number of Teeth.—Right side 17. Left side 18. 1st four pairs opposite one another.

Measurements.—Total length 20 ft.

Rostrum, length—4 ft. 9 in.

Rostrum, width at base—1 ft. 2 in.

Rostrum, width at tip—5 in.

Tip of Rostrum to 1st dorsal—11 ft.

Tip of Rostrum to 2nd dorsal—14 ft. 10 in.

Tip of Rostrum to base of caudal—17 ft.

Anterior margin of 1st dorsal—2 ft. 4½ in.

Posterior margin of 1st dorsal—1 ft. 9 in.

Anterior margin of 2nd dorsal—2 ft.

Posterior margin of 2nd dorsal—1 ft. 8½ in.

Caudal anterior margin of upper lobe—3 ft. 4 in.

Caudal posterior margin of upper lobe—3 ft. 3½ in.

Pectorals: total span—8 ft. 7½ in.

Interorbital space—1 ft. 2 in.

Diameter of eye—3½ in.

The fish was caught in a net set for Ghol (*Sciaena*) and caused considerable damage before being dragged ashore.

BOMBAY,

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August 30, 1939.